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FM AMEMBASSY MAPUTO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4479

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FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAID, MZ

SUBJECT: ASSISTANCE TO MOZAMBIQUE

REF: STATE 87628

1. I APPRECIATE DEPT'S AND AID'S VERY PROMPT, FORTHCOMING AND FLEXIBLE INSTRUCTIONS ON US ASSISTANCE TO MOZAMBIQUE. THE COMBINATION PACKAGE OF GRANT DOLLARS AND PL480 FOOD IS RESPONSIBLE TO GPRM'S PERCEIVED NEEDS AND APPEARS TO PROVIDE US WITH FLEXIBILITY TO KEEP NEGOTIATING DIFFICULTIES TO A MINIMUM.

2. EMBASSY WILL OBVIOUSLY HAVE TO WORK FAST TO INCUR OBLIGATION BEFORE JUNE 30. WE WILL TRY OUR BEST, ALTHOUGH GPRM HAS NOT ALWAYS BEEN QUICK TO FOLLOW-UP ON AID OFFERS.

3. I CALLED ON SHARFUDINE KHAN, DIRECTOR OF WESTERN HEMISPHERE AFFAIRS IN MINISTRY OFFOREIGN AFFAIRS ON APRIL 11 TO SEE IF I COULD FIND OUT WHEN I WOULD BE PRESENTING MY CREDENTIALS. OTHER AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATES IN TOWN HAVE BEEN TOLD IT IS LIKELY TO BE APRIL 16 KHAN SAID HIS MINISTRY WAS PLANNING ARRANGE CEREMONY THAT DATE, BUT I HAVE NOT YET BEEN NOTIFIED OFFICIALLY. I TOLD KHAN THAT I HAD RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS ON US ASSISTANCE TO MOZAMBIQUE, AND THAT I WOULD LIKE TO INITIATE DISCUSSIONS WITH APPROPRIATE GPRM
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OFFICIALS SOON AFTER I PRESENTZD MY CREDENTIALS.

4. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO ME IF AN AID OFFICIALS WERE TO COME TO MAPUTO TO ASSIST IN DISCUSSIONS. AT THIS STAGE, I WOULD PREFER BUT ONE OFFICIALS, WITH OPTION TO REQUEST OTHERS AFTER I HAVE HAD BENEFIT OF GPRM'S INITIAL REACTION TO US OFFER.

6. PLEASE CABLE VISA BIO DATA AND TRAVEL PLANS SO THAT WE CAN INITIATE VISA REQUEST. WE WILL NEED ABOUT TWO WEEKS TO OBTAIN VISA. DE PREE

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